GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDISED HELICOPTER SERVICES TO NORTH EAST
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to subsidise helicopter services in order to ease problem of poor connectivity in the North East;

(b) if so, the States to be covered there under; and

(c) the percentage of subsidy to be given?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b)and (c):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has beenoperating helcopter services in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkimand Meghalaya. Besides, a Dauphin helicopter of PHHL is also deployed by Ministry of Home Affairs at Guwahati every year from October to May for transportation of VIP and othersenior officials. Recently, Government has also approved operations of helicopter by PHHL in the State of Tripura. Government has agreed to provide 75% as subsidy for helicopter operations by PHHL in these North Eastern States.